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VARSITY QUINT DROPS TWO ON LOCAL FLOOR. LACKED PRACTICE

Team Out of Form and Falls Before Mediocre Opponents. Bertschey Alone Stars

The Hampden-Sidney quint sprang a surprise on the locals Saturday afternoon by nosing out a victory 34-27. The contest was a novel one in several respects; first, the refereeing was very amusing and an especially enjoyable sight to behold when the ball was put in play; secondly, the locals, having enjoyed a vacation, occasionally caught the ball and under propitious conditions had the crowd standing on their feet by making a close shot at the coveted basket.

The first half, ending with the score 15-15 in favor of the score-keeper, reminded the cynical spectator of a dog fight, a wrestling match and a free-for-all roughhouse. There was very little science of the game shown by either team. Now and then a sign of team work by the visitors or the individual display of some knowledge of the sport by Bertschey delighted the audience that showed their deep appreciation by reverberating applause.

Gayle and Jones appeared to be somewhat out of form due to sickness previous to the contest. For the visitors, Bryan and Pendleton showed the least inclination to roughhouse, while little Bertschey showed considerable form for the locals.

On Wednesday the Hampton Y. M. C. A. team engaged the local quint in a serio-comical farce-tragedy. The scrub team outplayed the varsity and the Hampton aggregation outplayed their combined forces. The team was hopelessly out of practice and lacked their former speed and skill. Repeated failures at the basket revealed a sad lack of dexterity. The gymnasium was heated to the freezing point which prevented any of the three teams from loosening up. The game was slow, rough and uninteresting.

The line-up:
W. & M. Position H.-S.
Bertschey.....L F.....Lindsay
Jones.....R F.....Carrington
Gayle.....C.....Bryan
Zehmer.....L G.....Pendleton
Zion.....R G.....Loan
Substitutes—William and Mary,
Boyd for Jones, Wright for Gayle;

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W. & M. ENTERTAINS SOUTHERN COLLEGE PRESS ASS'N DELEGATES

Business and Literary Sessions. Plans for Increased Membership. Instructive Talks

William and Mary was the host of the third annual convention of the Southern College Press Association on Thursday and Friday of last week when the representatives of the various publications situated in the colleges of the south met in convention at Williamsburg. Only four institutions, Clemson College of South Carolina, the University of South Carolina, the University of Virginia, and William and Mary, were represented at the conclave and owing to the late arrival of the delegates, several entertainments which were arranged had to be cancelled and business meetings substituted in their places on the program.

The first session of the press men was held in the rooms of Mr. Tucker, where papers on the different phases and difficulties of college journalism were read and discussed by the delegates. The constitution of the association was practically rewritten with an aim to a larger membership and the improved working of the system. Heretofore only those institutions which maintained both a weekly and a monthly publication were admitted to membership in the Press Association and women's colleges were excluded. Henceforth those colleges which support either a weekly or monthly will be canvassed for membership, and the women's colleges will be admitted on the same grounds as the men's institutions. By the next session of the Association an enrollment of at least thirty colleges is confidently predicted.

At a business meeting on Thursday morning the following officers were elected: President, Robt. B. Jackson, University of Virginia; 1st Vice-President, Oliver W. Frey, William and Mary; 2nd Vice-President, D. E. Swineheart, Clemson College, S. C.; Secretary, H. O. Hanna, University of S. C.; Treasurer, W. D. Arthur, Clemson College, S. C.

The delegates to the convention were Messrs. J. B. Donthit, Clemson; Sam Latimer, Jr., University of S. C.; R. B. Jackson, University of Virginia; P. L. Witchley, William and Mary; T. W. Thornhill, Clemson; Ben Sawyer, University

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DEBATERS LOSE BOTH CONTESTS. RICHMOND AND R.-M. WIN

Error In Reading Question Responsible for Failure to Make Showing

In a hotly contested debate held in the Chapel last Friday night, Randolph-Macon won over William and Mary by a unanimous vote. The large audience showed unusual interest and pleasure by hearty and prolonged applause.

The question for debate as stated at the opening of the proceedings by the president, W. M. Grimsley, was: Resolved, That the President of the United States should be elected for a Term of Six Years and Should be Ineligible to Re-election for the Next Term. J. W. Smith, of the home team, lead for the affirmative. After quoting the opinions of most of our presidents and many eminent statesmen from the time of the founding of the Constitution down to the present day in favor of a six year term, Mr. Smith showed how the chief executive is, under the present system, morally forced to seek re-election as a justification of his past administration, usurping, for the purpose, at least two years of the people's time; and that four years is too short for the inauguration and materialization of his policies.

With the force and speed of a Gatling gun, W. P. Hardy, who spoke first for the negative, fired several well-directed shots into the opposing camp.

Among the arguments advanced by G. C. Outland, of the affirmative, one was that the president, under the proposed system, would be free to deal firmly and fearlessly with trusts, since the financial greyhounds would have no executive rabbit upon which to gnash their teeth at the next campaign.

W. P. Hunnicutt, of the negative, based his powerful and convincing speech on such points as "the six year term would deprive a man of honorable ambition" and "it is too long for a poor man and too short for a good one."

All, perhaps, were most interesting in rebuttal; each displayed his best force in those few minutes of heated and impromptu argument.

The judges were Judge Montague of Hampton, Mr. G. Thornburg of Wisconsin, and H. C. Krebs, County Superintendent, Plainfield, N. J. In-

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FEBRUARY MAGAZINE REVIEWED BY DR. JOHN LESSLIE HALL

Prose Work the Feature of "Lit." Verse Takes Second Place. Only One Story

The February Magazine is, taken altogether, a very creditable number. While the poetry is disappointing, the prose is decidedly above the average, not only of our own magazines but of college magazines in general. If all the bright students would contribute and the editorial staff would cull out the very best articles offered, our monthly would take the place it once occupied, next to the University of Virginia and the Nassau Lit.

The poetry, while comparing favorably with that in many of our exchanges, is not as good as that in our December number. The talented author of "In the Valley" is not up to his best in this issue, and the very promising poet of "The Northland" gives us no notes from his tuneful lyre.

The prose, however, is far above the usual college level. The exchange column maintains its usual painstaking and conscientious level. The editorials, while unnecessarily querulous and full of family secrets that should be kept for the bi-weekly assembly, are well written. The story of the "Hotel de Box," though rather slangy and abounding in expletives of an undignified character, is very clever and leads the reader on to a bright denouement. The "appreciation" of James Barron Hope, one of our antebellum alumni, is a faithful effort to prove that the College has been the mother of poets as well as of jurists and statesmen. The gem of the Magazine is an essay on the "The Idylls of the King" by a College freshman, and is one of the most finished essays ever published by the students of the college, though it is marred by an egregious misprint which should have been corrected by the proofreader—"precursor" for "precursor."

The English of the Magazine is very creditable. In the choice of words, the rythmical flow of sentences, simplicity, rhetorical finish, and other qualities of style, the students of William and Mary have much to be proud of.

If all the present contributors will continue to write; if the poets will write more spontaneously, not grind-

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TELEPHONES..... Nos 24 and 71

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WHAT IS THE MATTER?

First, the total average attendance upon the meetings of the College literary societies is not over twenty men any night. This includes both societies.

Second, the average attendance upon the Y. M. C. A. meetings is about twenty-five men—this in a Christian college of 237 men.

Third, the average attendance at voluntary chapel is about fifteen men.

And in addition we have heard much dissatisfaction expressed as to the management of the Magazine, the Athletic Council, the methods of the College elections, the management of the literary societies, etc., etc.

THEN—William and Mary is the oldest College in the state. Why is it not the largest?

Why is there such dissatisfaction, here and there, in the student body?

We think we can put our finger upon the most salient cause of these present conditions. We shall adopt the words of one of the faculty and call it the reign of individualism in the life of the student body here. We do not mean to imply that everything is too much under the control of any one man, but that the tendency of the incumbent in any office in the organizations of the College is to work to suit himself

first, and to forget that he was elected to build up the organization itself, and through the organization, the College, rather than any one man in either College or organization. It is that lack of unity, that lack of harmony between the officers of our societies, or clubs, or associations, and the other members—that failure to get in touch with each other to which we attribute the three conditions mentioned at the beginning of this article. The trouble on this campus to-day is largely due to the lack of co-operation and harmony in the efforts of the leaders in the student life here, and also, to the failure of each man to realize the need and importance of his work towards the corporate growth of the College. And we should like to state very definitely that the foundation strength of an energetic, progressive college lies the consistent support of each individual student of the three departments of college activity mentioned at the beginning of this writing. This statement needs no proof. Let the thinking men here who love this institution consider these facts and then get together and help to construct for the general good instead of for that of the individual. CO-OPERATION, that's the good word!

We would like to see some discussion of this matter from both faculty and students alike. R. H. G.

NOTHING, OR ONE HALF

The Debating Council, in teaming up the debaters of the two contests last Friday, pursued a policy which is probably responsible, in part at least, for the double defeat of the William and Mary debaters. Of the four successful candidates in the local elimination contests two stood preeminently above the other two both in the substance of their argument and in force of delivery. These two were distributed, one to each team, making two teams of mediocre ability, practically doomed from the first to defeat. With the two best men coupled on one team the chance for victory in one of the contests would have been in a large measure assured. Is not one victory better than none?

In this same connection mention should be made of the "boneheadedness" of those in charge who were responsible through utter carelessness for the error in reading the question. The question as prepared by the local debaters was a different one from the question agreed upon by the committee. Whose fault is it that our teams were almost irretrievably handicapped, before starting, by having been led to bark up the wrong tree?

Last year the Southern College Press Association met at the University. Its sessions were found to be most instructive and its spirit of progress was indicative of a still greater usefulness in forwarding

the interests of college journalism. We extend to the association our best wishes for a successful convention in Williamsburg.—College Topics.

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The Monogram Club was assembled by Mr. W. C. Ferguson last night in the College Chapel. Officers were elected as follows: President, Jack Wright; Vice-Pres., Pipe Wright; Sec., Stanton Bertschey; Treas., Webster Stone. The constitution was read and discussed and a meeting was called for next Monday, when steps will be taken for more complete organization and greater effectiveness of operation.

Editor The Flat Hat:

Most Hon. Sir—It has been my esteemed pleasure to peruse the article of my learned contemporary, Hon. Josh Sweeney, in last week's issue of this publication, defending our good old mother tongue. While agreeing thoroughly that this simplified spelling is undoubtedly becoming an unmitigated nuisance, I wish to add that the habit of using the simplest diction possible should be resuscitated. I repeat it, gentle reader, in the present-day periphrasis the conglutinations of consensuous words in the construction of language, there is a prevalent and unfortunately increasing tendency towards the usage of sesquipedalian, obsolescent, and nay, sometimes antediluvian expressions in daily speech, not to mention the lackadaisical and inconsequential gyrations of our ubiquitous would-be phenomena of this era.

Chronologically speaking, our language is deplorably on the decline; and this nefarious habit of appending egregious circumlocutions to obscure the clarity of meaning, context, and hence decreasing the edification of our waxing generation, should be strenuously denounced and tabooed by all.

And now, esteemed reader, a word in closing. Verily, it takes no necromancer to predicate that the preponderance of opinion will be diametrically opposed to my simple, Puritanic views of language; but though cognizant of that fact, I sincerely hope that this article is so elucidated that it will be axiomatically perused by at least some, and thus emancipate a small portion of my fellow-beings from the slavery of tautology. And give this simple idea—radical though it is—your predelection; do not delay, it is a perfidious catastrophe thus to indulge in procrastination when the simplicity of our mother tongue hangs in the balance. "Sic itur ad astra."

Yours extemporaneously,
J. ARCHIBALD BUSCHOIR.

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Field goals—Bertschey, 7; Jones, 1; Gayle, 1; Zehmer, 1; Zion, 1; Boyd, 1; Lindsay, 3; Carrington, 4; Bryan, 1; Pendleton, 4; Sloan, 2. Foul goals—Jones, 1; Carrington, 5; Lindsay, 1. Referee, Hughes.

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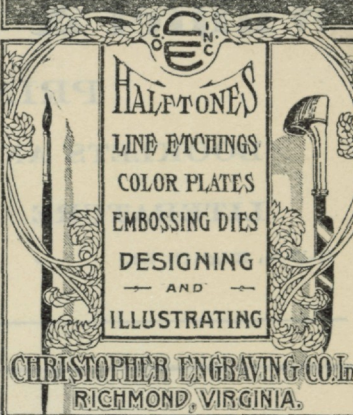
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stead of retiring as usual, they delivered their votes in sealed envelopes to the president.

The team defending the negative side of the question met the team from Richmond College in their chapel at the same time the debate here was held. The first speaker for Richmond was Hawkins, followed by Huffines of the local team. Brock of Richmond then spoke and Gurley made the final speech. In rebuttal the men appeared in different order, Richmond having the last speech. The first vote opened was for William and Mary, but the second two for Richmond College. After the debate a large reception was tendered the visiting team. The judges were Hon. Martin Williams, Judge Beverly T. Crump and Hon. John R. Saunders.

W. & M. ENTERTAINS SOUTHERN

of S. C.; Max Biltzer and J. L. Tucker, William and Mary.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at Clemson College, South Carolina, during the second week in November.

Broadus Mitchell, one of the founders of the Association and now on the staff of the Richmond Evening Journal, was an interested participant in the journalistic deliberations.

The features of a literary meeting Thursday p. m. were informal talks by Mr. Frederic P. Ladd and Dr. J. Lesslie Hall, both dealing with various phases of journalism. Following these was an informal discussion of the difficulties encountered in college journalism. Mr. Ladd's connection in former years with several metropolitan dailies enabled him to speak with authority on newspaper work.

A WELCOME

The recent union of the Methodist League and the Baptist Young People's League has greatly increased the interest in Sunday evening services. The young people of the town, the girls of the Institute and the students of the College are working together to make these meetings a social and religious benefit to all who come.

Excellent speakers are always secured and good music is one of the main features of these meetings, as the choir consists of most of the best singers in town.

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